GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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JUTE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government announced a package for the jute industry with higher subsidy on capital investment of 20 percent.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is encouraging the production of Geo-Textile with wider marketing network in India and overseas market; and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir, Government has amended the Jute Manufactures Development Council Incentive Scheme for Modernization of Jute Industry to provide assistance @ 20%under the scheme for modernization and upgradation of jute mills in new locations in jute growing areas or in non-jute growing areas having inadequate jute processing facilities. These mills should have paid cess for at least three months.

(c)&(d): Yes Sir, The Government is encouraging the production of Geo Textiles with a wider marketing network in India and the overseas market. For this purpose, the following steps have been taken:-

1) To provide upgraded machinery and requisite technicalities for producing Jute Geotextiles of the right standard to meet domestic and overseas demand.

2) To organize technical awareness programmes in all the states.

3) To provide "External Market Assistance (EMA)"at the rate of 5%on export of Jute Geotextiles.

4) To hold discussions and field trials with various concerned authorities/departments, viz., the Central Public Works Department, the State Public Works and Irrigation Departments, the Border Roads Organization and the National Highway Authority of India to promote Jute Geotextiles.

5) To implement a pilot project using Jute Geotextiles in rural roads under Prime Minister's Gramin Sarak Yojana in five States viz. Assam , Chhatisgarh, Madhya Pradesh , Orissa & West Bengal covering 47.84 Kms.